

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1835

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 24, 1978

Application of INTERNATIONAL)
LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC., for)
Temporary Authority to Perform)
Charter Operations Pursuant to)
Contract - Health Care Financing)
Administration)

Case No. AP-78-14

By application filed April 3, 1978, International Limousine Service, Inc. (International Limousine), seeks temporary authority pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3) of the Compact to transport passengers and their baggage between the Mary E. Switzer Building, 330 C Street, S. W., Washington, D. C., and the Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Md., pursuant to a contract with the Health Care Financing Administration of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

In addition to the District of Columbia and Rockville, Md., points noted above, the proposed service also involves the East High Rise Building (SSA Complex), 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Md. In its entirety, the proposed service is a loop-shuttle among the three points which would operate in both directions simultaneously. Therefore, there are three regulatory jurisdictions involved: the Maryland Public Service Commission for the Rockville-Baltimore leg, the Interstate Commerce Commission for the District of Columbia-Baltimore leg, and this Commission for the District of Columbia-Rockville leg.

Applicant would provide four trips per day using two 1977 vans each having capacity to seat 15 passengers. The Health Care Finance Administration has submitted a statement in support of this application asserting that the government travelers in need of this service are currently using their own cars, and that this method is not only costly and inefficient, but the lack of standardized schedules results in important meetings being missed. We conclude that there is an immediate and urgent need for the service.

While admitting that other WMATC certificated carriers hold authority which would permit the service on the District of Columbia-Rockville leg, applicant asserts that there is no other carrier which holds the complementary authority from the Maryland Public Service Commission and the

Interstate Commerce Commission. Applicant therefore asserts that there is no other carrier capable of providing the service. We agree and so find.

Applicant has submitted evidence that it holds the complementary authority discussed above. It also has on file evidence of insurance in accordance with Commission Regulation 62, and an appropriate tariff in accordance with Regulation 55.

Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3) of the Compact provides that the Commission may grant temporary authority, in its discretion and without hearings or other proceedings, where it appears (a) that there is an immediate and urgent need for service and (b) that there is no carrier service capable of meeting such need. Inasmuch as applicant has met these statutory criteria, the above-captioned application shall be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

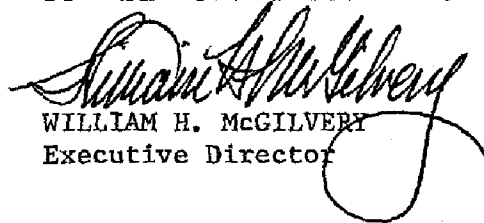
1. That International Limousine Service, Inc., be, and it is hereby, granted temporary authority to transport government travelers, along with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicle with the passengers, between the Mary E. Switzer Building, 330 C Street, S. W., Washington, D. C., and the Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Md.

2. That the temporary authority granted herein shall become effective April 24, 1978, and shall remain in effect through October 21, 1978, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

3. That International Limousine Service, Inc., is directed to file with the Commission, within ten days from the date of this order, a notarized statement of compliance with Commission Regulation 68 governing identification of motor vehicles.

4. That an application for corresponding certificate authority be filed not later than 60 days after the date of this order.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVER
Executive Director